

DECISION MAKING MEETING

6 August 2020, 10:00 - TEAMS

Attendees

Amie Birkhamshaw (Director of Strategy)
Ian Rooney (CFO)
Nigel Atkins (Senior Communications Officer)
Karl Stonebank (Grants and Funds Officer)
Sandra Freeston (Executive Assistant)

Apologies

David Lloyd (Commissioner)
Chris Brace (Chief Executive)
David Gibson (Deputy Commissioner)
Gavin Miles (Deputy Chief Executive)

AGENDA

1. Minutes of meeting of 30th July 2020
2. Action Fund 2020/21

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MINUTES

1. Minutes of meeting of 09 July 2020 **Approved**
2. Aldbury Traffic Calming Scheme - Implementation **Approved, with the below to be amended/noted:**
 - Page 2. Background iv. Amend text from measurers to measures.
 - Last bid approved under the old scheme guidelines.
 - Comms: NA to prepare and issue a press release by mid-August.
3. Any Other Business
Road Safety Fund (coversheet) – CB to link in with IR in regard to reporting of the overspend.

MEETING	Decision Making Meeting								
DATE	20 August 2020								
TITLE OF REPORT	PCC Action Fund – 2020/21 Round 1								
SUBMITTED BY	Karl STONEBANK - Grants & Funds Officer								
PURPOSE OF REPORT	To consider recommendations in relation to bids received.								
DECISION(S) REQUIRED	To agree allocation of the funds.								
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">2020/21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Action Fund Annual Budget</td> <td>£150,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funds already allocated (HCF admin fee)</td> <td>£15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining funding</td> <td>£135,000</td> </tr> </table>	2020/21		Action Fund Annual Budget	£150,000	Funds already allocated (HCF admin fee)	£15,000	Remaining funding	£135,000
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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	<i>n/a</i>								
EQUALITIES IMPACTS	If all bids recommended for funding are approved there should be a positive impact on all protected characteristic groups.								
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION EXEMPTION SECTION IF APPLICABLE	The Grants & Funds Officer requests that Appendix A list of recommended/rejected bids not be published because it may prejudice organisations and/or their projects. Details of ratified bids will be published on the PCC website.								

1 INTRODUCTION

- i. All Action Fund bids for round 1 have been assessed by Hertfordshire Community Foundation's (HCF) expert Panel.
- ii. The OPCC Grants & Funds Officer has also requested feedback from community safety partners in relation to some bids as well as cross checking with other grant schemes (including PCC).

2 BACKGROUND

- iii. The Action Fund allows the PCC to engage with, and provide a presence to, the wider community. It ensures that non-statutory organisations are able to bid for funds to support crime prevention/reduction initiatives as well as encouraging them to work with CSPs when crossover work has been identified by HCF/OPCC.
- iv. To date the fund has proved very popular with CSP's who have utilised funding awarded to deal with emerging issues, or to support neighbourhood engagement projects; and with the charity/voluntary

sector to provide community support and a range of crime prevention/reduction initiatives.

- v. The fund links with the PCC's priorities around 'investing in community safety projects' and 'utilising proceeds of crime.' It allows for a wide overview of community safety initiatives across the county both by statutory and non-statutory partners; and utilises POCA funds to invest back into the community.
- vi. The Action Fund for 2020/21 totals £135,000 and provides grants of up to £5,000 to support initiatives which reduce crime and make Hertfordshire a safer place to live by helping to deliver aims of the Hertfordshire Community Safety & Criminal Justice Plan 2019-2024.
- vii. A table of HCF expert panel recommended and not recommended bids for round 1 can be found in Appendix A.
- viii. HCF noted that 5 out of 13 applications received were from organisations new to the fund. This is below the commissioner's ambition of the majority of bids to be from new organisations.
- ix. The Grants & Funds Officer has noted that there is a significant reduction in the number of bids received (13) vs 1st round in previous 2 years (19 in each of 2018/19 and 2019/20).
- x. The reduction could be a result of statutory and non-statutory organisations having to deliver emergency Covid-19 support projects since March 2020.

3 PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

- xii. It is recommended that the Commissioner approves up to £19,979 for the recommended bids in Appendix A due to the following reasons:
 - They meet the aims of the Hertfordshire Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan 2019- 2024.
 - HCF have carried out due diligence of all applications including checking applicants accounts and governance arrangements as well as whether the applicant has been funded previously from HCF or OPCC Action Fund.
 - The OPCC Grants & Funds Officer has also requested feedback from community safety partners in relation to some bids as well as cross checking with other grant schemes (including PCC).
 - Applicants were asked to consider the impact of Covid-19 on their ability to deliver the projects in the coming year.
- xiii. It is recommended that the Commissioner defers a decision on 2 bids highlighted within Appendix A because more information is required.